

September 5, 2006

Dear Resident,

The purpose of this notice is to inform you that the City Manager has approved the implementation of a new traffic pattern for Argyle Street.

The new traffic pattern was developed after receiving comments from the community and weighing the benefits and costs of several different options for traffic patterns. The new pattern consists of a 24-hour left-turn restriction from South Washington Street on to East Argyle Street and a left-turn restriction 7-9 AM from West Argyle Street on to Maryland Avenue. In addition, sidewalk will be installed on the south side of Argyle Street.

The following are next steps:

1. Installation of signs indicating new traffic patterns on Argyle Street will be posted in approximately 4-6 weeks.
2. Police will be stationed near Argyle Street, South Washington Street, and Monroe Street more heavily than usual and for a trial period following implementation of the new traffic signs.
3. Sidewalk will be implemented on Argyle Street beginning the week of September 18.
4. Follow-up traffic counts will be conducted in late fall 2006 on Argyle Street and adjacent streets to analyze changes in traffic patterns and volumes due to the traffic restrictions.
5. Continue signal timing monitoring at Fleet Street and Monroe Street, and at Maryland Avenue and Fleet Street to ensure that the network operates efficiently. The traffic signal at Maryland/Argyle will be also modified to reflect the new traffic volume during the 7-9 AM period, i.e., less green time will be provided for traffic coming out of Argyle Street.

Additional detailed information is posted online, at:

<http://www.rockvillemd.gov/residents/traffic/pdf/Argyle-Staff-Report-March2006.pdf>

If you have questions please feel free to contact Katherine Kelly, Transportation Planner, at: 240-314-8527 or kkelly@rockvillemd.gov or Emad Elshafei, Chief of Traffic & Transportation, at: 240-314-8508 or eelshafei@rockvillemd.gov.

Sincerely,

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